COMMUNITY GATEWAYS

We've rolled out community gateways to improve safety in more than 150 regional communities across Victoria.

The Victorian Government, in partnership with TAC, is investing $1.4 billion into road safety infrastructure to work towards a future where no one is seriously injured or killed on our roads.

What we're doing

We're installing community gateways on major roads, at entrances to regional townships to alert drivers to changing traffic conditions and lower speed limits.

We'll be placing community gateways in towns across Victoria with populations between 500 and 5,000 people. We'll focus on locations where the speed limit drops significantly to 60km/h and where it may not be clear to drivers that they are entering a local community.

These community gateways encourage safe speeds that will protect local traffic, pedestrians and cyclists.

How community gateways work

Drivers entering regional towns from selected major roads will see a number of visual cues to remind them to slow down. These include:

- large signs on green backgrounds, displaying the speed limit and name of the town
- eye-catching painted lines on the road, leading into the gateway.

Why we're doing this

High-speed roads connect many of Victoria's towns, where motorists and cyclists are required to significantly lower their speed when approaching.

Community gateways reduce the severity and frequency of crashes, boost safety and create more liveable communities. Similar signs have been installed in towns across New Zealand and have been shown to reduce crashes by up to 35%.

Many of Victoria's main roads pass through regional towns, meaning road users are required to significantly lower their speed when approaching townships. Motorists can miss these speed signs as they enter a town, making them more likely to travel over the legal speed limit.

Community gateways make it easier for motorists to see speed limit changes and slow down, improving safety for people living in and travelling through communities.

The gateways also help establish regional communities as inviting and liveable places.

*The data analyses preliminary crashes between July and December 2019 and is subject to change.

*Updates to the Information Access (IA) system may alter serious injury data.

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